GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SANCTIONS AGAINST TALIBAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.N. has adopted a resolution seeking imposition of sanctions against Taliban-Controlled Afghanistan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The UN Security Council had adopted Resolution 1267 on October 15, 1999 imposing sanctions against the Taliban which provided that the Taliban cease the provision of sanctuary and training for international terrorists and their organisations, and to ensure that the territory under its control is not used for terrorist installations and camps, and that the Taliban turn over Usama bin Laden without further delay. The Resolution required all other States to deny permission for any aircraft to take off from or land in their territory if it is owned, leased or operated by or on behalf of the Taliban, freeze funds and other financial resources owned or controlled by the Taliban. The Security Council adopted another Resolution 1333 on December 19, 2000, inter alia,demanding that the Taliban comply with resolution 1267 and
(i) close all camps where terrorists are trained;
(ii) halt all illegal drugs activities and eliminate the illicit cultivation of opium poppy, the proceeds of which finance Taliban terrorist activities. The Resolution further required all other States to:
(i) prevent the direct or indirect supply to the Taliban of arms, ammunition, etc.;
(ii) withdraw officials and military personnel who advise the Taliban on military or related security matters;
(iii) reduce the strength of diplomatic staff;
(iv) close all Taliban offices in their territories, including offices of Ariana Afghan Airlines;
(v) freeze funds and other financial assets of Usama bin Laden and individuals and entities associated with him; and
(vii) restrict the entry into or transit through their territory of all senior Taliban officials.